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Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2009 12:02 AM

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Subject: Q - Ref: C-West & D-West Nos 140 - 144; Southard

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Thank you very much.

Brian Smith

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Hi Brian,

Hi Brian,

Thank you for your inquiry. Please see attached photographs of the markers. According to my records, Samuel Southard is interred in R55, S141, John Carter is interred in S143, Chauncey Carter in S144, and Gladys Carter in S144. Given the age of the documents, the paper is fairly worn and grainy. I hope this information is useful. Please refer to our website congressionalcemetery.org for additional resources.

Regards,
Congressional Cemetery

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Sandy Schmidt](#)

To: [B & B](#)

Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2003 7:31 AM

Subject: Re: FW: [staff1801e] Southard stone inscriptions

At 12:30 AM 8/2/2003 -0700, you wrote:

Thank you for your detailed response - it is refreshing to find a cemetery that has maintained such detailed records (for a change).

It's hard to fix a number of interments in a site as we have so many examples of reinterments from other cemeteries that were being closed down, and it was very common for families to "consolidate" family members in a family plot. In the case of the closing of St. John's & Methodist burial grounds there are as many as 18 remains in a single site. In family plots there are several examples of 8 or 9 in a single site. So three children in a site would be very possible.

How many burials could take place at one site location? As you wrote, it does appear that all 3 children were interred at one time at 30/27 (Range G-East No. 27) - is this feasible? If so, then it would be more likely that the 27/27 listing given for Ann is incorrect. Moreso considering that the daily logs show Ann and Sarah being buried at the same site.

The 7/22/1942 inter date is a left over from a query I ran a couple of years ago that inadvertently put that date in all blank fields. I thought I had gotten rid of them all. I'll do some more checking. It could be that we know his death date because of the inscription, but don't know the interment date.

I don't know why John's internment doesn't show in the log near the time of his death. One thought I have is the date in your computer for his internment is 7/22/1942 - obviously incorrect - but couldn't he have been placed in a public vault and interred later on in 1825 (maybe the 7/22 in your computer was a misread of 2/22 or 3/22, 1825) - for reasons unknown, but maybe due to weather? In re-reading the Southard biography I mentioned, the answer may be that John died in Trenton, NJ and not DC as I had earlier indicated - this work is not clear as to the location of the family at the time of John's death. If I am able to locate the information I will pass it along to you.

I see the initials of A.H. in the Range/Site book and comparing writing styles, I think what

you are reading is actually "A.S. in 141; should be in 140" and that the faded writing on the line marked 142 is "Samuel L. Southard". Of course this is somewhat cryptic - does it mean A.S. is interred in 141 and should have been interred in 140, or the records state the site as 141 when they should say 140?

I'll have to check into these a bit more. They're bordering on the sites that the Veteran's Administration considers government sites, and that always confuses the issue. I'll get back to you.

As I read the daily log of 11/18/1842 I see 2 entries: the first mentions C-West (now 55) Nos. 140-141-142 purchased with No. 141 excavated for Samuel's burial; the second for the purchase of C-West Nos. 143-144 and D-West (now 54) Nos. 140-141-142-143-144 with 140 as the site 'for his children,' unfortunately not giving the number of children. This gives a total of 10 sites (!) while using only 2 sites, one for Samuel and one for 2, or 3, of his children? Would the Cenotaph for Samuel need to be located on 140 & 141 (I'm not sure of their size in relation to the size of a single site)? I suppose the size of the plot indicated the thought of future internments - as he had a wife and 2 other children.

I find the mention of a headstone and footstone in the daily log showing Ann's burial (3/20/1829) interesting. This could refer to a stone for John & Sarah that was already in place - perhaps the same stone that is now marking 54/140. I also see the "Moving infant" notation and wonder if this refers to moving Sarah (age 2) to bury Ann (age 3)?

We're probably more concerned about descendents at this time as we are hoping to invite as many as we can locate for our 200th anniversary in 2007. But for prominent families like the Southard, it would be interesting to know his ancestors at least back to when the family first arrived.

Thank you for your diligence and I will send along any information I receive regarding the Southard family as well as sending a family tree. For the latter, do you have any preference(s) regarding the format or the program used? And are you more concerned with ancestors or descendants, or both?

Sincerely,
Brian A. Smith

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Unfortunately no occurrences of Harrow. Recently we've been making sure we capture maiden names when we find them, but for the earlier records it's hit and miss.

At 09:21 AM 8/2/2003 -0700, you wrote:

A thought occurred to me: you may want to type in the surname "Harrow" to see if your database shows any burials in the Southard sites. Samuel's wife/widow was Rebecca Harrow and she disappears from the public eye after her husband's death and has been a mystery ever since. Her health was not very good in 1842 and she may not have lived much longer. I am tracking down some possible leads in the Southard Family Papers at Princeton University and at the Trenton (NJ) Public Library.

Sincerely,
Brian A. Smith

From: "Sandy Schmidt" <sschmidt@mail.hq.nasa.gov>
To: <btimes2@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: FW: [staff1801e] Southard stone inscriptions
Date: Thursday, July 31, 2003 11:27 AM

Dear Mr. Smith,
Thanks for all the information. I'll be adding it to our database and web site in the next few weeks.

I'm not sure if Bill responded to your questions on the discrepancies, so excuse me if this is a repeat. Bill is fairly new to the database and isn't familiar with all of the idiosyncrasies. When I first inherited the database there was a record for each site at which a person was interred--so multiple records if they had been moved. That is faulty design, so I have been slowly removing duplicate records so there is only one record per person with a separate list of where they were interred. There are however, still a number of duplicates and the Southard children were among them. I've corrected the database.

Samuel's remains were first placed in the Public Receiving Vault, where they remained until arrangements were made for reinterment -- looks like by a Col. Hicky.

The puzzle of the children continues to grow. I think the reference to site 27/27 is an error and should be 30/27. However, our daily logs record Sarah and Ann's interment, but not John's. The records show two children were removed to Range 54 Site 140 all on 11/18/1842. That doesn't explain though why Ann's name is not mentioned and John's is, except there's a note in the daily logs that there was a tombstone placed at Ann's grave site and it may well have disappeared (many of them have). There is a pencilled in note in the range/site book that is hard to read but I think it says "A.H." is in site 141. I'll also correct our database on that.

I'm sending copies of all the relevent pages in a separate message as they are quite large. Note the ranges had letters instead of numbers until 1854. The range/site book has been recopied several times. I'll check an earlier version to see if I can find more clarification on the original site of the children.

From: B & B [mailto:btimes2@earthlink.net]

>Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2003 2:11 AM

>To: congressionalcemetery@mail.org

>Subject: [staff1801e] Southard stone inscriptions

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>Just received the photos I took while there and the stone inscriptions are

>as follows:

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>SOUTHARD, Samuel (55/141): "The Honorable Samuel L. Southard A Senator in

>the Congress of the U.S. from the State of New Jersey Died June 26, 1842

>Aged 55 Years"

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>SOUTHARD (Child) (54/140) is a marker for 2 children, John and Sarah (both

>originally interred in 30/27): "JOHN December 27, 1824 SARAH November

>12, 1825 Children of Hon. S.L. Southard US Senator (NJ) and Secy of the Navy"

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>It is still not clear just how big the Southard plot at 54/140 and 55/141

>is. If the children were not moved from 30/27, then why bother with the

>new plot and putting a marker there? The marker could have been put on

>30/27. And, assuming they were moved, why wasn't his third child buried in

>this cemetery, Ann (27/27) moved as well? Her plot is unmarked, but

>perhaps there was a stone that is no longer there. Could be that there

>wasn't room for 4 burials in the 54/140 - 55/141 plots? Still doesn't

>solve the question of Ann's grave being unmarked.

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>Read that you are interested in collecting family trees on those interred

>there. I will put together something regarding Samuel and send it on to

>you. His brother and his father were also members of the US Congress.

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>Sincerely,

>Brian A. Smith

From: <mailto:btimes2@earthlink.net>B & B

>To: <mailto:congressionalcemetery@mail.org>congressionalcemetery@mail.org

>Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2003 3:53 PM

>Subject: Attn: Bill Fecke

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>I wanted to thank you very much for your assistance in locating the
>gravesite of my relative, Samuel L. Southard, when I visited the cemetery
>on July 6th. With the information you supplied me from your computer
>regarding those interred with the Southard surname, I hope to be able to
>supplement what you have. Using a biography of Samuel Southard (Samuel L.
>Southard: Jeffersonian Whig. Rutherford, N.J.: Farleigh Dickinson
>University Press, 1984), I offer the following:

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>SOUTHARD (child) 54/140 interred 11/18/1842 - this is most likely a
>reinternment of one, or more of his children that pre-deceased him and
>were interred elsewhere in the cemetery; John in 1824 (30/27); Sarah/Sally
>in 1825 (30/27); or Ann in 1829 (27/27). The internment date is the same
>as for Samuel. In the above-mentioned biography it states that Samuel was
>interred "next to two of his children, in the Congressional Cemetery." I
>also note that 2 of the children are/were interred in the same range and
>site (30/27) - how many internments could occur at a single site? Of
>course, this also begs the question - if 2 of the children were moved, why
>not all 3?

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>SOUTHARD, Ann (born January 1826 in DC), died of "fever" in D.C. while the
>family was moving to N.J. after Samule was elected NJ State Attorney
>General in Feb. 1929.

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>SOUTHARD, John (born in NJ May 1813 - probably Flemington, Hunterdon
>County). Cause epileptic seizure. Died in DC.

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>SOUTHARD, Samuel L.: probable cause of death was uremic poisoning. In May
>1842 he moved to the Fredericksburg, VA home of his wife's family, where
>he died. His biography says that he was briefly laid in state at the
>Capitol and interred; which does not shed any light on the almost 5-month
>period between his death and his internment as reflected in your records.
>I would suspect a clerical error somewhere in there, unless he was
>temporarily interred and then reinterred, along with his children, in November.

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>SOUTHARD, Sarah (born 1824? in D.C.) name also given as Sally.

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>I hope this information helps in your quest to document the history of
>those interred in your cemetery.

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>Thank you, again, for your help.

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>Brian Smith

LastName	FirstName	Range	Site	S	Death	Death	Inter	InterM	Ag	Notes	Inscription	CauseOfDea	LastResidence	Place
Southard	(Child)	54	140		1842	11/18	1842	11/18						
Southard	Ann S.	27	27	F	1829	3/19	1829	3/20	3	Southard. On Thursday, the 19th inst., Ann S. youngest daughter of the Hon. Samuel Southard, late Secretary of the Navy in the 4th year of her age.		Fever	D.C.	
Southard	Ella W.	67	51	F	1945	2/26	1945	2/26						
Southard	John	30	27	M	1824	12/27	1942	7/22			[Child of Hon. S.L. Southard, Sen. N.J. and Sec. of the Navy]	Epilepsy Scurvy	D.C.	
Southard	Nellie J.	67	51	F	1920	10/25	1920	10/25						

Ann. died during the noon of the fourth when Samuel was elected in
Feb. 1929 is N.Y. St. A.T.T. Co.
b. Jan. 1824 in D.C.

John b. May 1813 N.J. (Freemason, New Jersey County?)

(Child): Ella W. after John or Ann who was
Reinterred for the same site 30.27, 27.27 respectively

Southard	Samuel Lewis	55	141	M	1842	6/26	1842	11/18	55	<p>Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989</p> <p>A Senator from New Jersey; born in Basking Ridge, Somerset County, N.J., June 9, 1787; attended the village school; was graduated from the College of New Jersey (now Princeton College) in 1804; engaged as tutor in a private family near Fredericksburg, Va., in 1805; studied law, and was admitted to the bar in Virginia in 1809; returned to New Jersey and commenced practice in Flemington in 1811; appointed law reporter of the supreme court by the State legislature in 1814; member of the State general assembly from October 14 to October 31, 1815, when he resigned, having been appointed to the State supreme court bench; associate justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court 1815-1820; moved to Trenton, N.J.; recorder of Trenton in 1818; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket of Monroe and Tompkins in 1820; appointed and subsequently elected to the United States to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James J. Wilson and served from January 26, 1821 to March 3, 1823, when he resigned, having been tendered a Cabinet portfolio by President Monroe; it is a remarkable circumstance that Senator Southard and his father, Representative Henry Southard, should both be Members of the 16th Congress, and more especially for both to be members of the joint committee of the two Houses which reported the famous Missouri compromise measure; Secretary of the Navy from September 6, 1823 to March 3, 1829; Secretary of War ad interim in 1824; Secretary of the Treasury ad interim from March 7 to July 1, 1825; attorney general of New Jersey 1829-1833; elected Governor of New Jersey October 26, 1832, and served until February 23, 1833, when he resigned to become Senator; elected as a Whig to the United States Senate in 1833; reelected in 1839, and served from March 4, 1833 until his death; was President pro tempore of the Senate from March 4, 1841 to May 31, 1842, when he resigned from his office; died in Fredericksburg, Va., June 26, 1842; interment in the Congressional Cemetery.</p>				
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Fredericksburg Va

prob. comm. U.S. Senate Friday, May 1842 moved to Fredericksburg home of m-louis
(Harrison). Bio states "briefly laid in states (Georgia) and referred next to 2d Lieut. Col.
New State informant date as (ch. 1842)

Southard	Sarah	30	27	F	1825	11/12	1825	11/13	2	Southard. On Saturday morning last, Sarah youngest daughter of Hon. Samuel L. Southard, Secretary of the Navy, aged 2 years.	[Child of Hon. S.L. Southard, Sen. N.J. and Sec. of the Navy]			
Southard	Sarah J.	9	27	F	1900	1/2	1900	1/5	33	Southard. On January 2, 1900 at 11:50 p.m., Sarah J. Southard in the 44th year of her age, youngest daughter of Lucy A. Southard. Funeral from her mother's residence, 1231 Union street southwest, Friday, January 5 at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.		Chr Dementia	Gov't Hosp for Insane	VA
Southard	Theophil	67	51	M	1908	6/10	1908	6/10						
Southard	William	67	51	M	1955	4/22	1955	4/22						

Thurston

SARAH born 1824 (?) Dec.

Name	Birth/Death	Age	Range/Size
Southard, Ann S. Southard. On Thursday, the 19th inst., Ann S. youngest daughter of the Hon. Samuel Southard, late Secretary of the Navy in the 4th year of her age.	d. 19 Mar 1829	3 yrs.	R27/27
Southard, Samuel Lewis	b. 9 Jun 1787 - d. 26 Jun 1842	55 yrs.	R55/141

See the on-line "Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress" 

The National Intelligencer, Friday, July 15, 1842

The Late Samuel L. Southard

(Written on the day of his funeral)

To the Editors of the National Intelligencer,

Gentlemen: The mournful occasion which this day gathered around the bier of the lamented Southard the friends and contemporaries of that patriot and statesman was of the most solemn and impressive character. Upon the mind accustomed to the contemplation of the immediate and remote consequences of the removal from the councils of the nation of an able, an earnest, and a gallant spirit, the event, during the momentary interval of solemn silence preceding the funeral service, is calculated to make the deepest impressions. The animated countenance, the fervid eloquence, the bold manner, the determined bearing of the fearless legislator, are sunken and hushed into the awful stillness of death. The contentions, even the asperities of debate have passed, the wave that were tossed by the impetuous tempest have subsided, and naught is seen upon the bosom of the ocean but the calm and motionless expanse: naught is remembered by gallant and generous spirits but the many tone of independence of character of their departed associate and co-laborer in the service of a common country; and this elevated sentiment, perhaps, has never been more beautifully illustrated than on the present occasion. One who had oft times broken a lance in the chivalric encounters of senatorial contention of intellect, when the melancholy annunciation is made in that honorable body, rises in his place, and, with those spontaneous emotions which are the sure evidences of sincerity of heart, offers the last tribute of respect and esteem to the virtues of a departed brother Senator. Generous sentiments and noble actions deserve the recognition of the virtuous; and a name which has borne an honorable and conspicuous place on the records and in the councils of the nation for a period of thirty-one years, whose possessor has enjoyed the uninterrupted confidence and esteem of his constituents, and the respect and esteem of his associates in both branches of the National Legislature, is, without effort, and, as it were by a natural impulse, associated with such actions.

The National Intelligencer, Tuesday, June 28, 1842

Samuel L. Southard, the beloved and respected Senator from the State of New Jersey, and late President of the body of which he had long been a distinguished ornament, is no more. Our forebodings of the fatal termination of the illness under which he had long suffered, have been realized. He died at Fredericksburg, in Virginia, the midst of his friends, and surrounded by all the members of his family, on Sunday last, at about 10 o'clock in the morning.

We shall not dim the deserved eulogy bestowed upon his memory in the annunciation to the Senate of their loss, by any attempts on our own part to do justice to the various merits of the deceased. He was, to our personal knowledge, with few equals in all the relations of Son, Husband, and Father; and he was, of all things, as true a Friend as ever breathed. As a citizen he ever enjoyed the highest estimation; and his abilities are best proved by the elevated stations to which they have induced his fellow-citizens successively to call him.

The age of Mr. Southard was about 55 years. He must have been generally thought to be much older, so young (for this country) did he attain high reputation, and so early did that reputation bring him into the Public Councils. He was chosen to be Chief Justice of his own State as early as at twenty-eight years of age. He became a Senator of the United States in the year 1821; and in the year 1823 he was appointed by President Monroe to the highly responsible post of Secretary of the Navy, the duties of which office he discharged with pre-eminent ability up to the close of the Administration of Mr. Adams. In the year 1833 he again took his seat as a Senator from his native State, and had ever since, up to the moment of his last illness, faithfully discharged the duties of that honorable station.

For details of the funeral and procession see "Pomp & Circumstance at Congressional Cemetery."

Southard, Sarah Southard. On Saturday morning last, Sarah youngest daughter of Hon. Samuel L. Southard, Secretary of the Navy, aged 2 years.	d. 12 Nov 1825	2 yrs.	R30/27
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